## **RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION**

Applicant is filing this amendment in response to the Restriction/Election Requirement mailed on September 13, 2006. By this amendment, Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group V and omeprazole and sodium bicarbonate, without traverse. The amendments herein are made without prejudice, and Applicant reserves all of its rights to pursue any unelected subject matter in this or in a related application. In view of the species election, Applicant has amended the claims accordingly to omeprazole and sodium bicarbonate.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would help expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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